

Major Coastal Storm Late Tuesday into Wednesday

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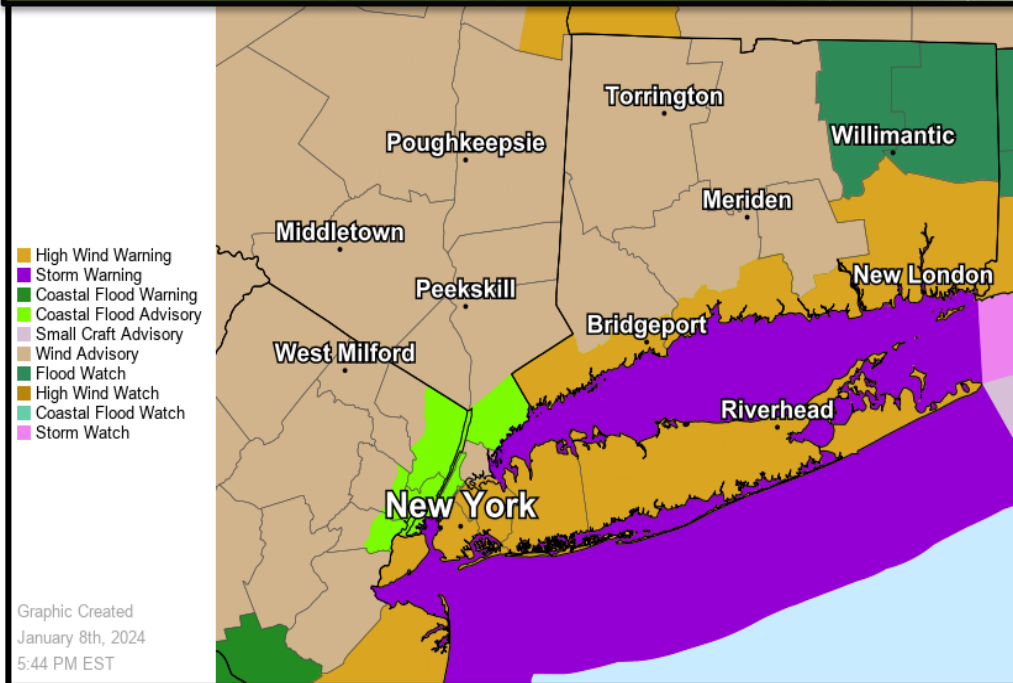
What Has Changed?

- **High Wind Warning** now in effect for Long Island, NYC, and coastal CT from 6pm Tue to 6am Wed.
- **Wind Advisories** now in effect for the remainder of the forecast area.
- **Coastal Flood Warnings and Advisories** now for much of the coast Tue Eve and Wed AM high tides





Key Messages...

- ✓ Widespread moderate to major river flood threat, late Tuesday thru Wednesday.
- ✓ Widespread minor to moderate urban and poor drainage flooding late Tuesday into Wednesday.
- ✓ Widespread moderate coastal flooding expected for much of Long Island and SE CT coast with the Wednesday morning high tide. Locally major possible along Great South Bay.
- ✓ Widespread dune erosion and scattered overwashes expected along the ocean beachfront on Wednesday. Localized dune breaches possible.
- ✓ Strong to damaging winds for the coast late Tuesday into Wednesday.
- ✓ Storm conditions and high seas on all waters late Tuesday into Wednesday.

Current Hazards



Main Points – Major Coastal Storm

Hazard	Impacts	Location	Timing
Flash/River Flooding 2-3" Likely Locally 4+" Possible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scattered flash flooding of urban and poor drainage areas Minor to moderate flooding along small rivers and streams. Localized major flooding likely Significant rises on large stem rivers, with minor flooding possible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Entire Tri-State Region Highest rainfall amounts likely across western portions of the Tri-State 	<p>Tuesday PM through Wednesday. Rivers may remain elevated into Thursday</p>
Strong Winds Sustained 25-35 mph Gusts 40-60 mph 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Numerous tree branches. Scattered downed trees and power lines Power outages likely in warning area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All coastal communities including NYC Highest winds across LI and SE CT 	<p>Tuesday PM into Wednesday afternoon</p>
Coastal Impacts 2 to 2 ½ ft inundation AGL in vulnerable areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minor to moderate coastal flooding Locally major coastal flooding for south shore bays of LI Widespread dune erosion and scattered overwashes for ocean beachfront. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highest threat for oceanfront and vulnerable locales along S and E Bays of LI, and W LI Sound 	<p>During times of high tide Wednesday AM Minor</p>
Marine Storm Conditions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wind gusts of 40-55 kt Seas of 15-20 ft on the Ocean Seas of 4-8 ft on LI Sound 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All waters 	<p>Tuesday PM into Wednesday PM</p>

Heavy Rain Will Bring Widespread Minor to Moderate Flooding Threat. Locally Major Flooding Possible

Current Convective and Flood Watches



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Compounding Factors:

- ✓ Melting snowpack will add between 0.5 and 1.0" of water to runoff.
- ✓ Streamflows are generally running high (around the 75-90th percentile), with above normal soil moisture (95th percentile) and recent snowmelt increase the threat for flood impacts.
- ✓ Urban and poor drainage flooding will be exacerbated during the times of high tide Tue Eve and Wed AM, inhibiting storm drainage.

✓ Storm Total Rainfall:

- ✓ 2 to 3", locally 4+" for NE NJ, Lower Hud and SW CT
- ✓ 2 to 3" for NYC, W LI, and most of SE CT
- ✓ 1 1/2 to 2 1/2" for E LI, extreme SE CT
- ✓ Much of this will fall between 7pm Tuesday and 5am Wednesday

✓ Rainfall Rates:

- ✓ 1/2 to 3/4"/hr for a 6-8 hr period between 10pm and 4am. Localized 1"/hr rate possible.

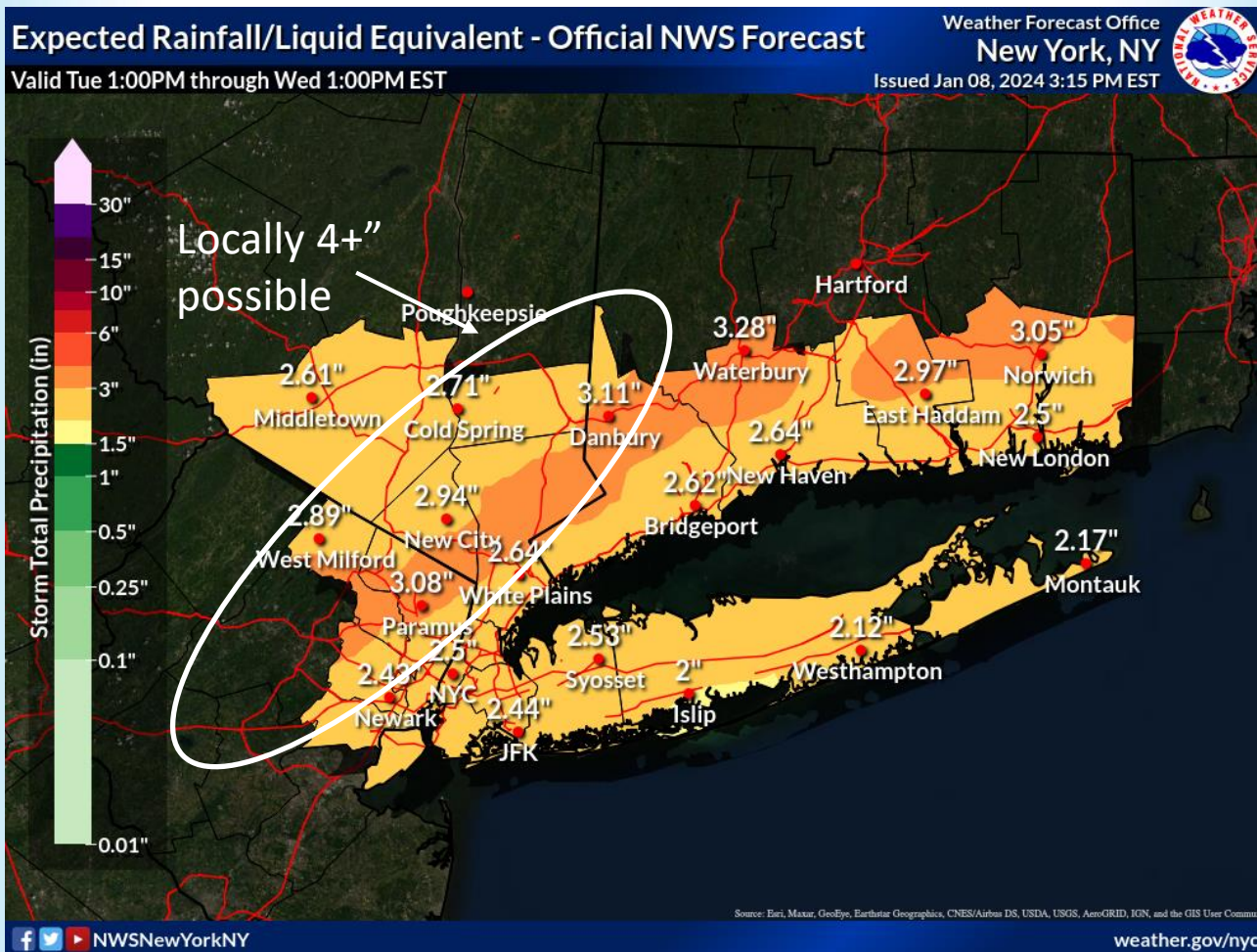
Timing:

- ✓ Heaviest rainfall between 7pm Tuesday and 5am Wednesday morning, but significant flood impacts likely continue through Thursday morning.

Impacts across Flood Watch Area:

- ✓ Widespread minor to moderate urban and poor drainage flooding expected late Tuesday through Wednesday morning. Isolated flash flooding possible. This will likely cause scattered to numerous disruptions to transportation, and localized flooding of basements, first floors of residences and businesses, as well as some underground infrastructures.
- ✓ Widespread **Moderate to Major flooding** expected along several quick responding small rivers and streams of NE NJ, Lower Hud and SW CT. Inundation of structures and roads, evacuations of people and/or transfer of property to higher elevations is likely along several rivers.

Official Rainfall Forecast

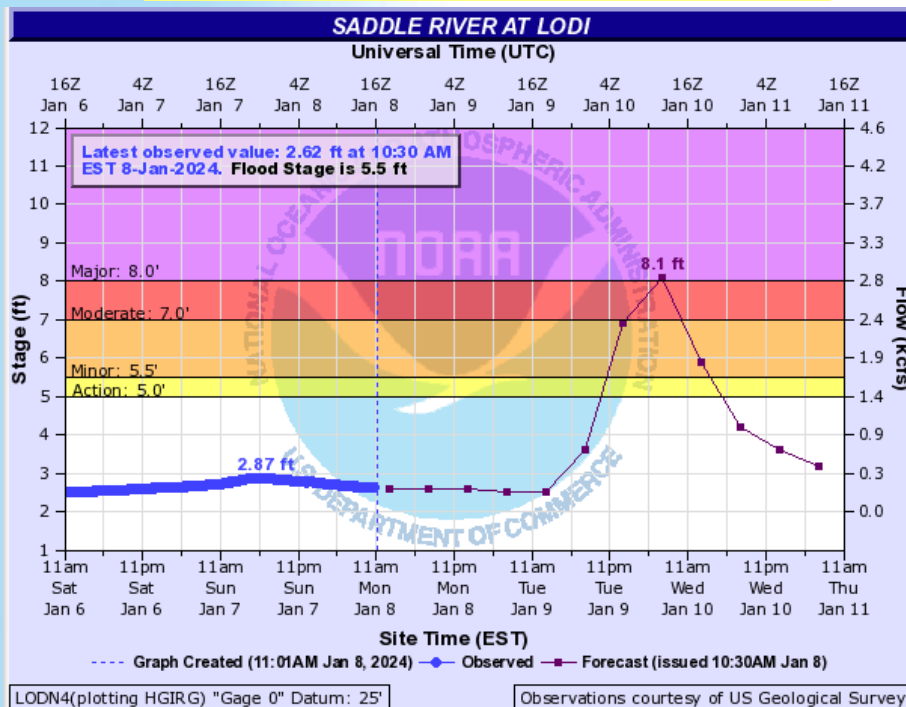


Bergen County: Northeastern NJ River Flooding Potential

- ✓ Major flooding likely for a few quick responding rivers, including Saddle River.
- ✓ Major Flood Impacts: With major flooding forecast, extensive inundation of structures and roads, significant evacuations of people and/or transfer of property to higher elevations is likely.
 - ✓ Saddle River Impact - At 8ft+, businesses along Main St. will experience widespread flooding

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Official RFC Forecast – Saddle River at Lodi



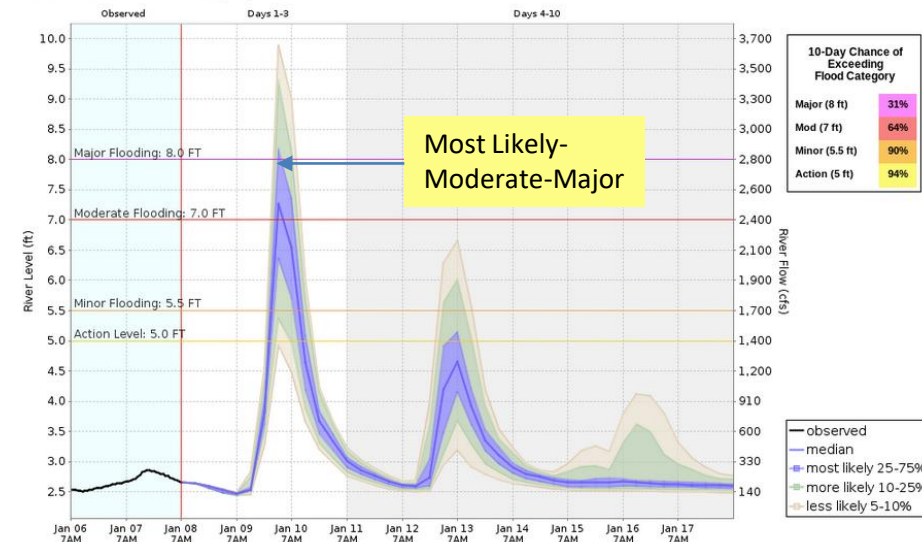
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Saddle River at Lodi, NJ

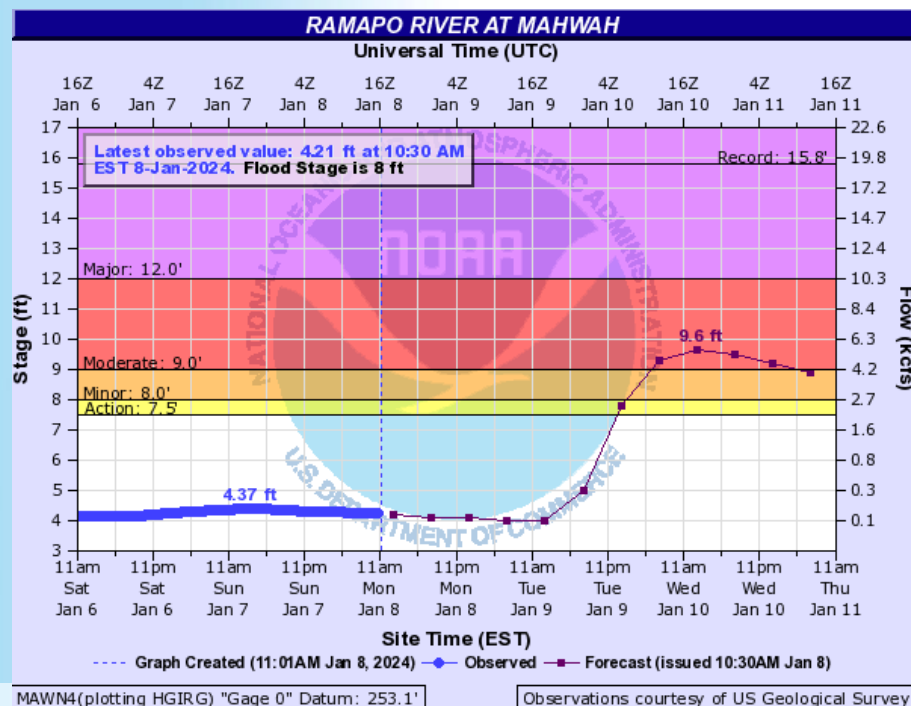


Bergen County: Northeastern NJ River Flooding Potential

- ✓ **Minor to Moderate flooding expected along several quick responding small rivers and streams, including the Ramapo River. Widespread moderate flooding likely along the Hackensack, Hohokus and Pascack as well.**
- ✓ **Moderate Flood Impacts:** Some inundation of structures and roads near stream, evacuations of people and/or transfer of property to higher elevations.

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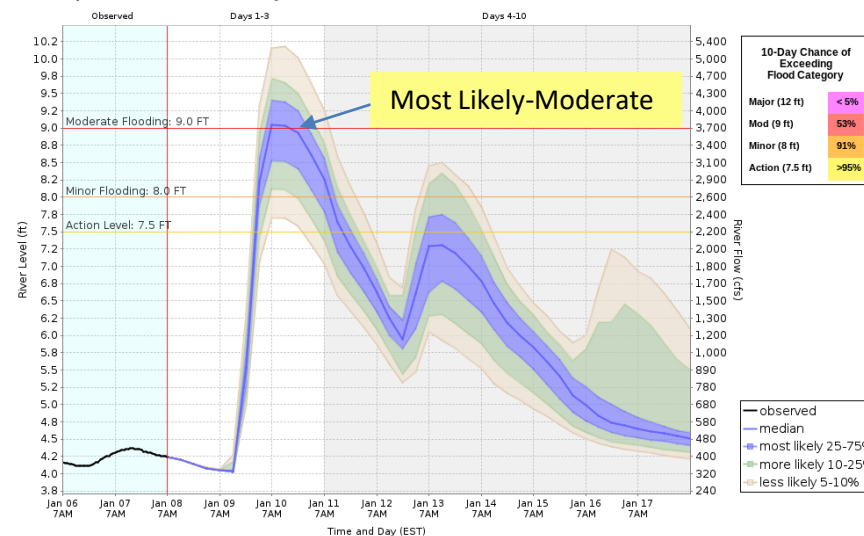
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Ramapo River at Mahwah, NJ



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Passaic County: Northeastern NJ River Flooding Potential

- ✓ Moderate to Major flooding is forecast along the Passaic River
- ✓ There is concern for moderate to major flooding at the Pequannock @ Riverdale.
- ✓ Major Flooding Impacts: Extensive inundation of structures and roads, significant evacuations of people and/or transfer of property to higher elevations is likely.
 - ✓ Passaic River Impacts: At 9ft+, widespread flooding occurs in Fairfield, Wayne, and parts of Paterson.

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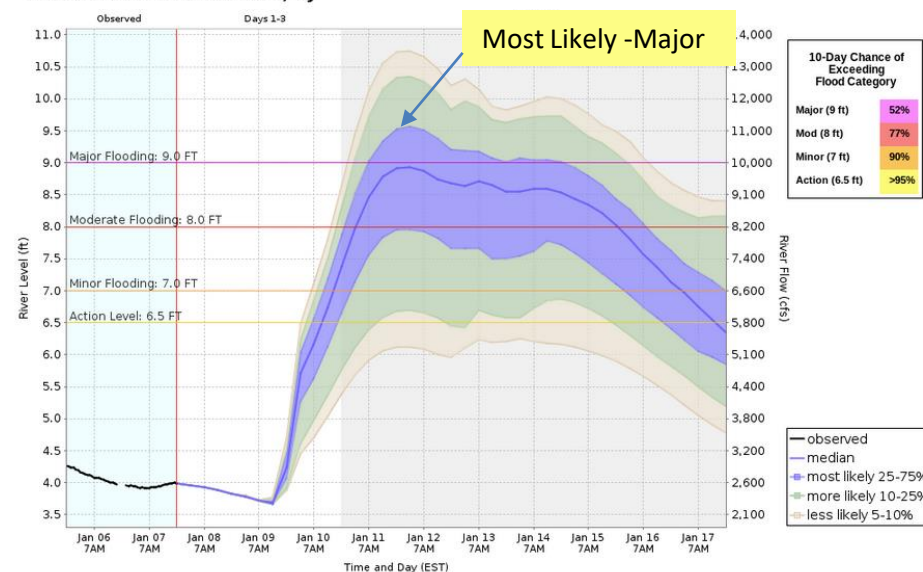
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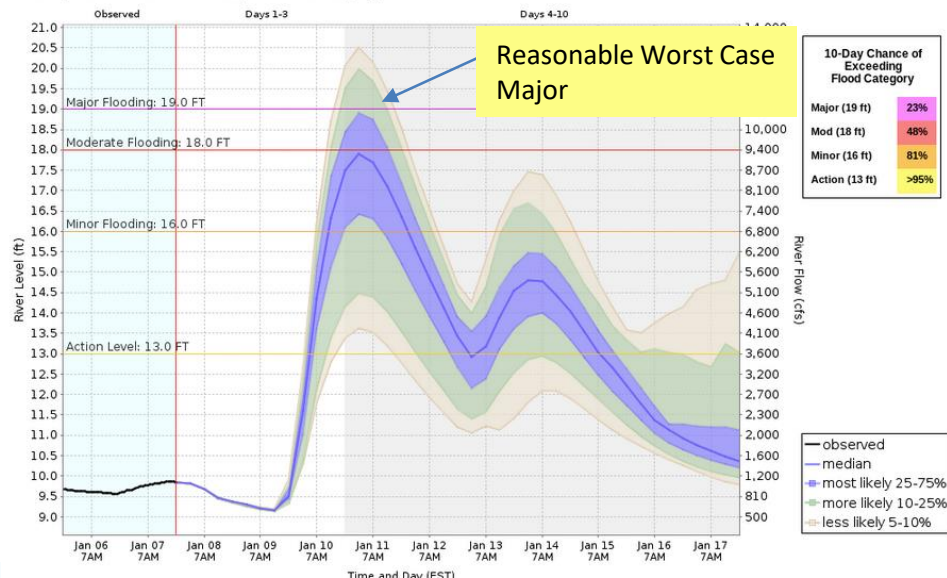
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Pompton River at Pompton Plains, NJ



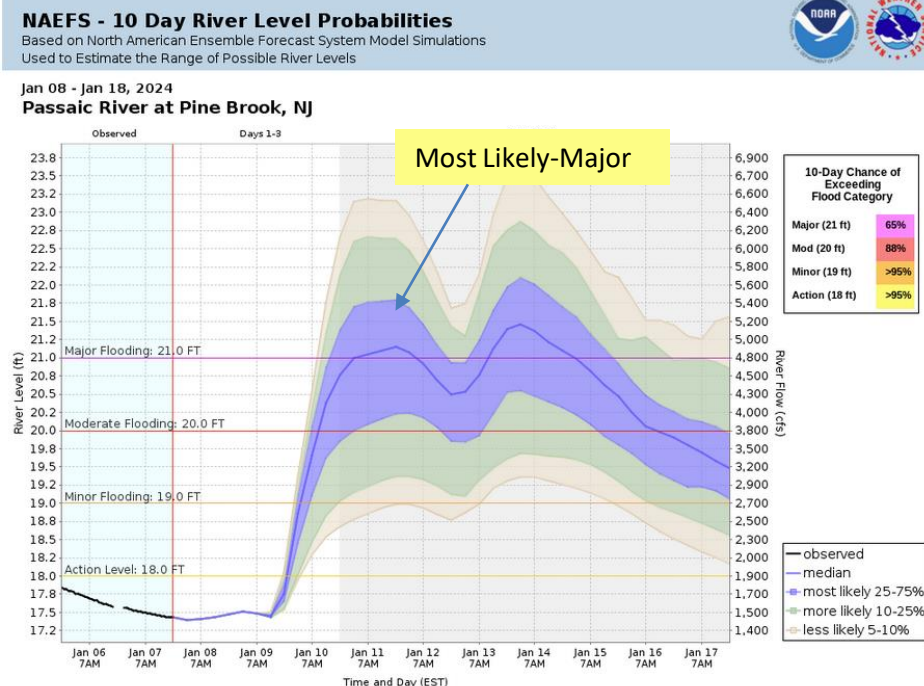
Essex County: Northeastern NJ River Flooding Potential

- ✓ **Moderate to Major flooding is forecast along the Passaic River**
- ✓ **Major Flooding Impacts:** Extensive inundation of structures and roads, significant evacuations of people and/or transfer of property to higher elevations is likely.
 - ✓ **Passaic at Pine Brook Impacts:** At 21ft+, widespread flooding occurs in Fairfield and parts of Wayne and West Caldwell. Residences between Route 80 and Route 46 may flood in Fairfield.

Official RFC Forecast – Passaic at Pine Brook

Probabilistic Forecast - Passaic at Pine Brook

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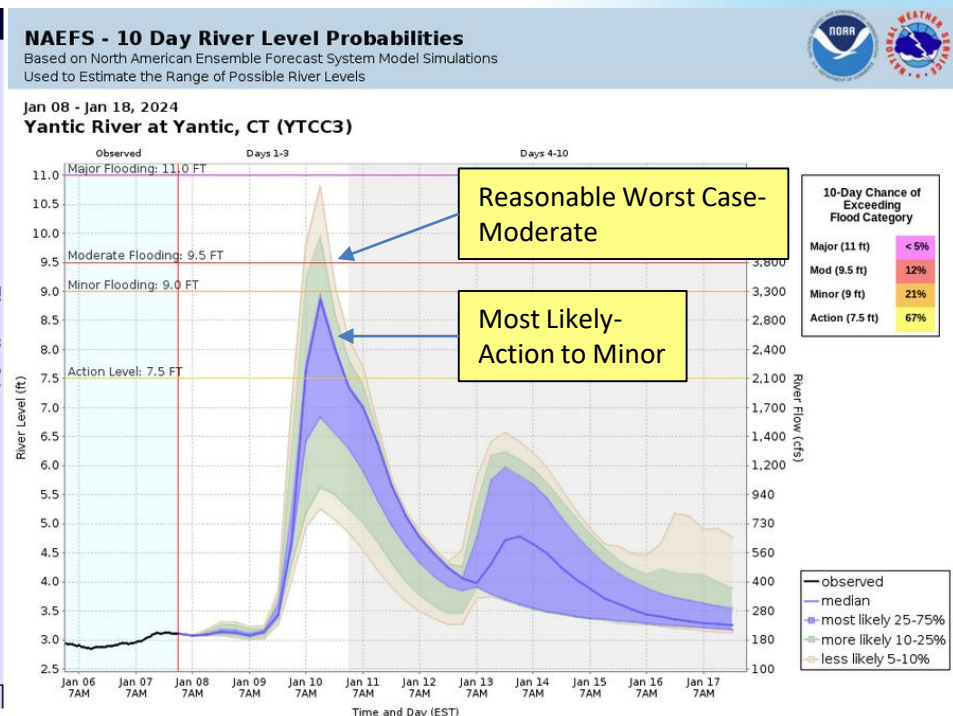
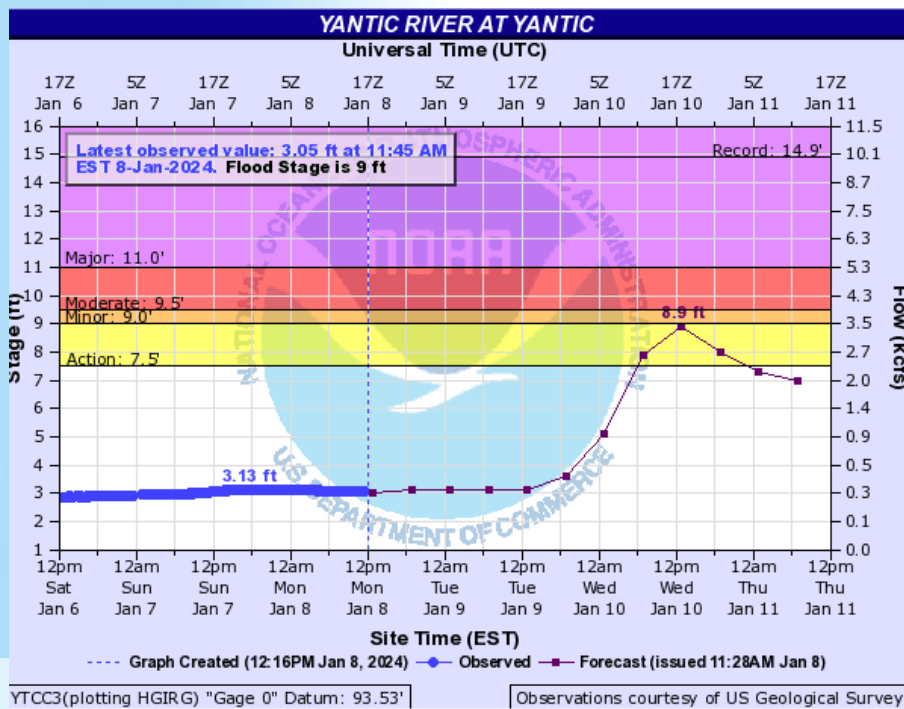
CT River Flooding Potential

- ✓ **Minor to Moderate flooding likely along several quick responding small rivers and streams, including the Yantic, Still, Rippowam, Pomperaug, and Quinnipiac Rivers.**
- ✓ **Moderate Flood Impacts:** Some inundation of structures and roads near stream, evacuations of people and/or transfer of property to higher elevations.

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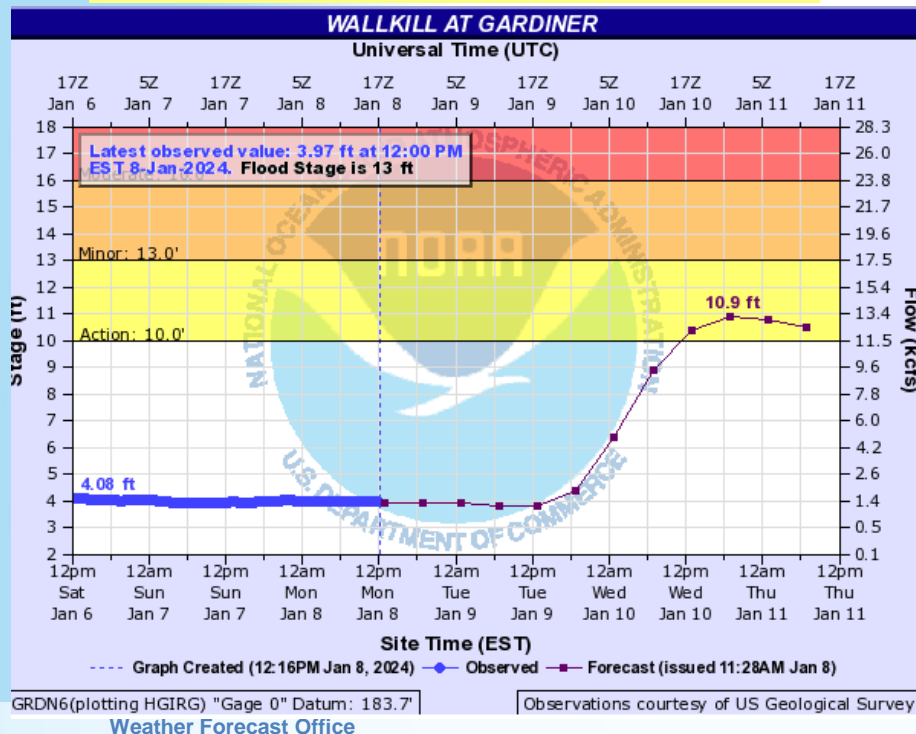
Lower Hudson Valley River Flooding Potential

- ✓ **Minor to Moderate flooding likely along several quick responding small rivers and streams, particularly in Rockland and Westchester County, including Bronx River, Sprain Brook, Saw Mill River, and Hutchinson River. Moderate Flooding possible for the Wallkill @ Gardiner.**
- ✓ **Moderate Flood Impacts:** Some inundation of structures and roads near stream, evacuations of people and/or transfer of property to higher elevations.

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Official RFC Forecast – Wallkill at Gardiner NY

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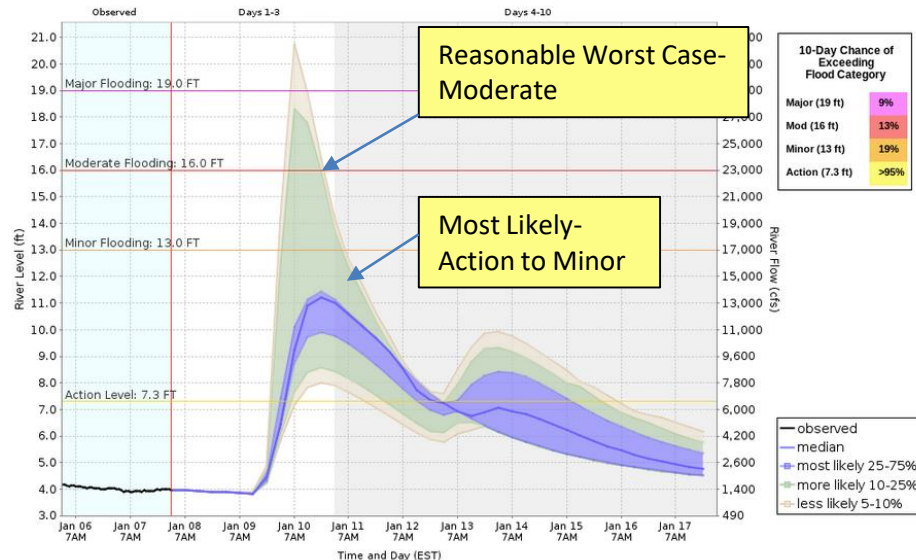


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Wallkill River at Gardiner, NY (GRDN6)



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Wind Related Hazards



Hazards and Impacts:

High Wind Warning Area – Long Island and coastal NJ/CT/NY

- ✓ **Peak Winds:** South to southeast winds of 30 to 40 mph with gusts to 60 mph. Highest across Long Island and southeastern CT, with isolated gusts to 65 mph. These strongest winds will likely be for a 4 to 6 hour period between 10pm Tuesday and 5am Wednesday.
- ✓ **Impacts:** Numerous tree limbs will likely be downed, as well as scattered trees and power lines. Scattered power outages are likely. Poorly secured outdoor objects will be damaged or blown away.

Wind Advisory Area – Rest of local Tri-State

- ✓ **Peak Winds:** South to southeast winds of 20 to 30 mph with gusts 45 to 50 mph. Strongest winds between 10pm Tuesday and 5am Wed.
- ✓ **Impacts:** Scattered tree limbs will likely be downed, as well as isolated trees and power lines. A few power outages possible. Poorly secured outdoor objects will be damaged or blown away.

Forecast Challenges:

Southeast wind direction and saturated soils may increase the downed tree and powerline impacts.

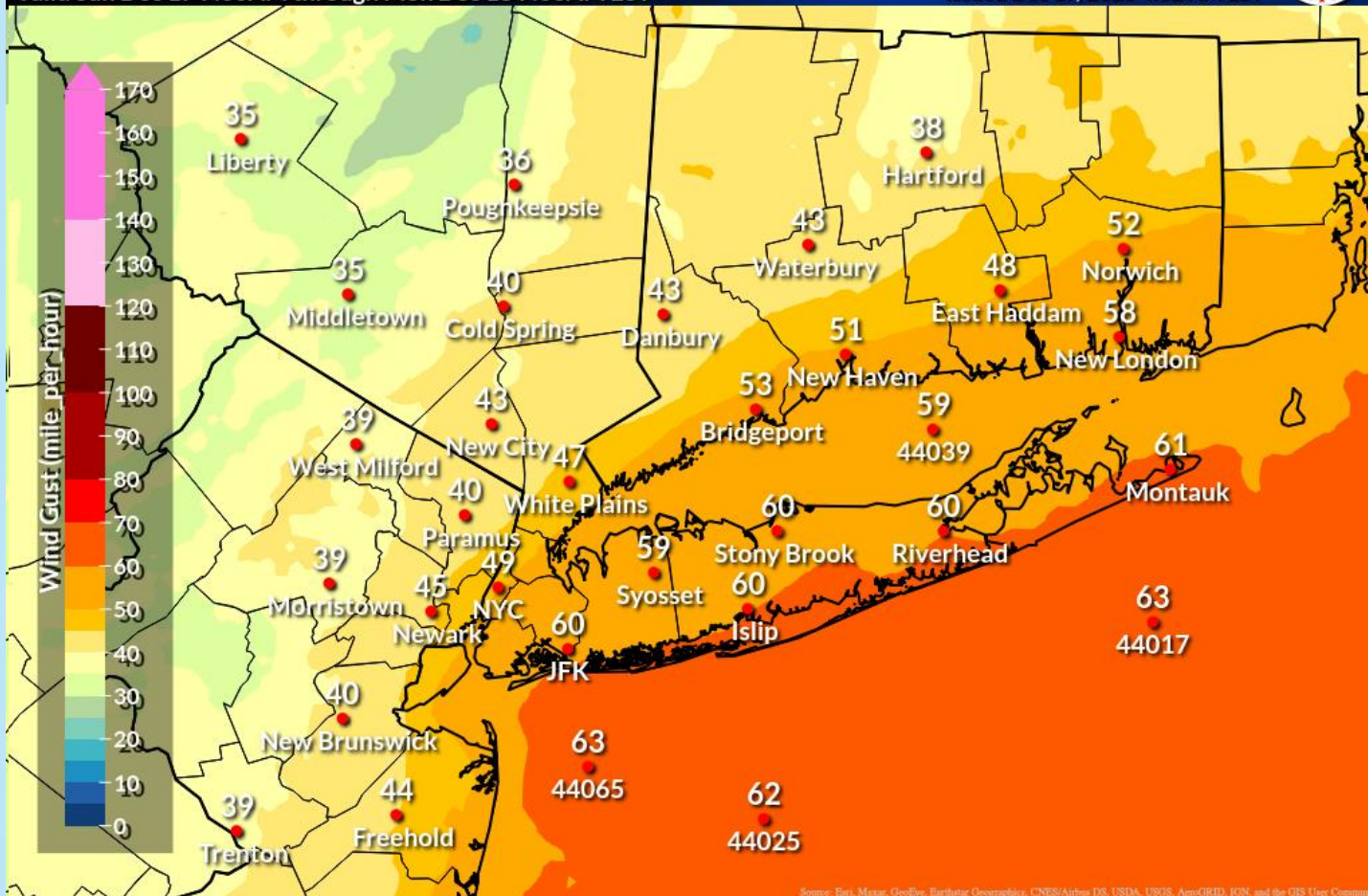
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Sunday's Maximum Wind Gusts

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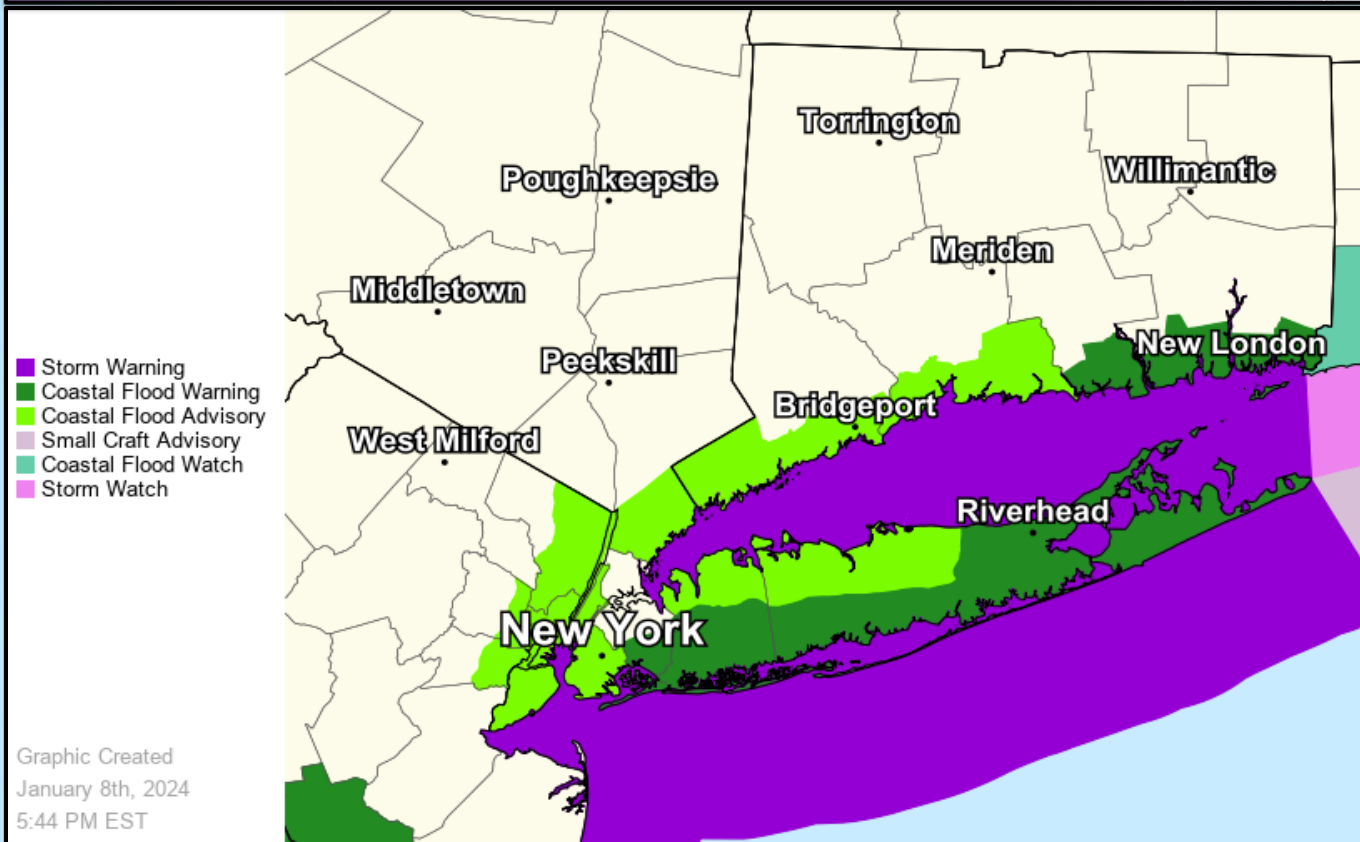


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Marine / Coastal Hazards



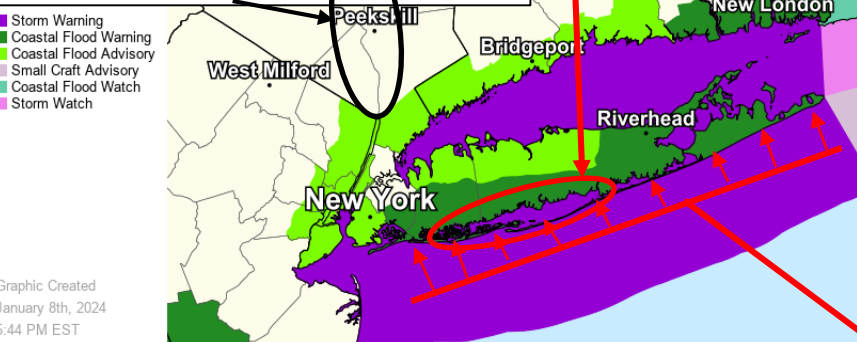
Storm Conditions: All ocean waters from 4 pm Tuesday until 6pm Wednesday
High Seas on the ocean 15 to 20 ft, 4 to 8 ft on LI Sound

Coastal Flooding Hazard and Impacts

Marine / Coastal Hazards

Greatest threat areas for widespread moderate coastal flooding during Monday morning high tide (inundation of 2 to 2 1/2 ft above ground level). Locally major coastal flooding (inundation of 3 ft above ground level) possible in these areas.

Minor surge impacts likely up the Hudson River, as well as other tidally affected rivers



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Forecast Challenges:

- ✓ Peak surge of 4 to 5 ft will likely be between times of high tide Tue evening and Wed morning. Offshore winds will likely limit the major coastal flood threat with the Wed AM high tide, except along Great South Bay communities from Freeport eastward to Mastic, including Fire Island due to tidal piling and eastward sloshing of water.
- ✓ Heavy rainfall and/or runoff coinciding with Tue evening and Wed morning's high tide will exacerbate street and property flooding along the coast and tidally affected rivers.

Coastal Flood Hazards and Impacts:

Wednesday morning high tide:

- ✓ **Coastal Flood Warning Areas:** Widespread moderate coastal flooding (2 to 2 1/2 ft above ground) expected for vulnerable coastal areas, **Locally major coastal flooding (3 ft above ground) possible for the red circled area due to tidal piling and wind shift from southeast to southwest.**
 - ✓ **Impacts** Numerous low-lying and shoreline roads are likely to be closed in the affected area, with adjacent properties taking on water. Scattered flooding of basements and first floors of low-lying residence possible. Cars will likely be damaged if not moved to higher ground.
- ✓ **Coastal Flood Advisory Areas:** Minor to locally moderate coastal flooding (1 to locally 2 ft above ground) for vulnerable coastal areas
 - ✓ **Impacts** Scattered low-lying and shoreline roads are likely to be closed in the affected area, with adjacent properties taking on water. Cars may be damaged if not moved to higher ground.

Shoreline Hazards and Impacts:




- ✓ **15-20' breaking waves along the oceanfront, resulting in widespread dune base erosion and scattered overwashes with Wed afternoon high tide. Isolated breaches or inundation is possible where dune structures have been severely compromised by previous storms.**
- ✓ **3 to 6' waves along southeast coastal CT and 4 to 8' along Orient Point shoreline resulting in beach erosion and wave splashover onto shoreline roads and properties.**

Timing:

- ✓ Minor flooding for the Tuesday evening high tide, mainly along southern bays of W LI and along W LI Sound.
- ✓ Widespread minor to moderate coastal flooding around and near the times of high tide Wednesday morning. Localized Major in southern bays of LI.

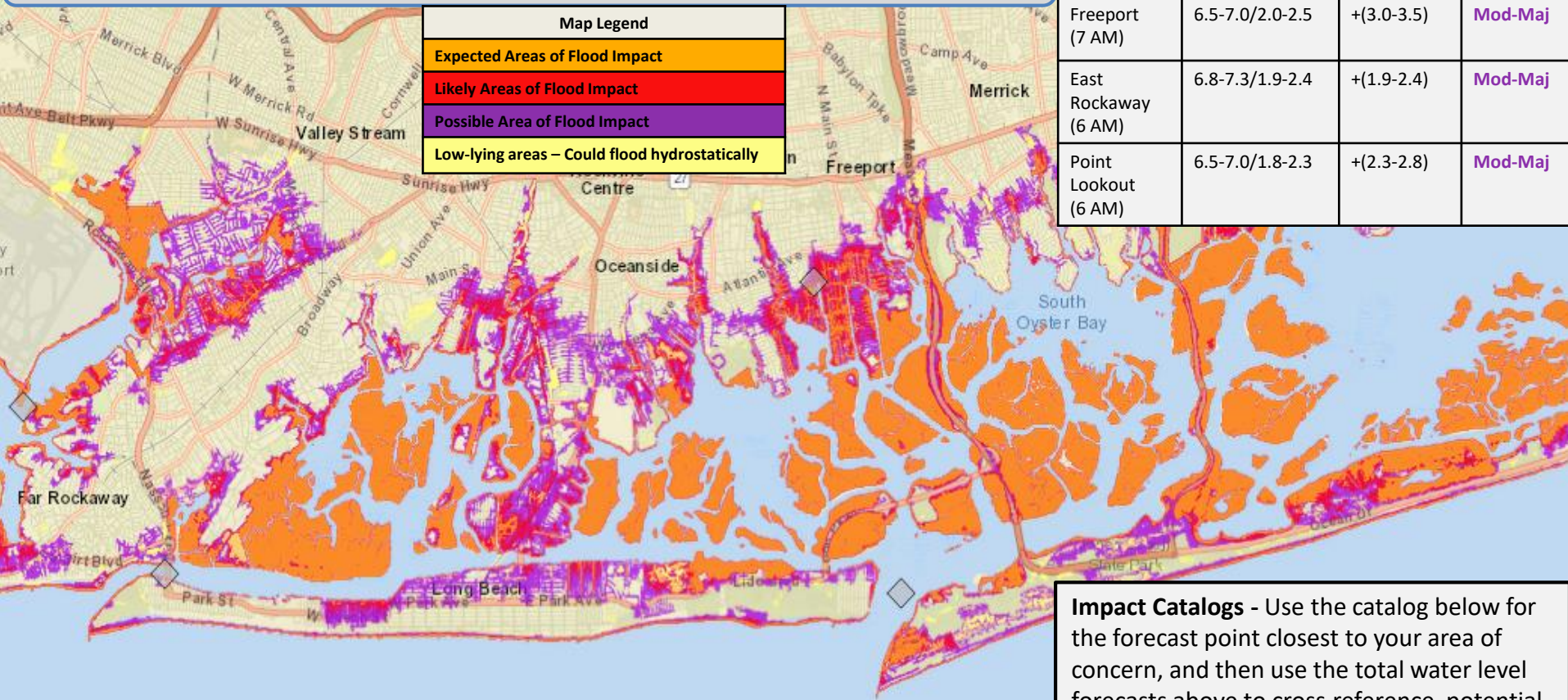


Coastal Flooding Thresholds

	Minor (CF Advisory)	Moderate (CF Warning)	Major (Warning)
Picture	 Westport	 Lindenhurst	 New Haven
Hazard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low threat of property damage...and no direct threat to life. • 1 to 2 ft of inundation in shoreline and vulnerable areas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elevated threat of property damage...with a risk to life if one places themselves in unnecessary danger. • 2 to 3 ft of inundation in shoreline and vulnerable areas. • Minor to no inundation of surrounding coastal communities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant threat to life and property. • 3-5+ ft of inundation in shoreline and other vulnerable areas. • Minor to moderate inundation (1 to 3 ft) of surrounding coastal communities that rarely experience coastal flooding.
Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A few shoreline and vulnerable roadways and adjacent properties will experience shallow flooding. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several shoreline and vulnerable area home and businesses will experience water inside. • Several low-lying coastal and shoreline roads will be closed. • A few cars may take on water or even be destroyed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evacuations will be necessary for the most vulnerable shoreline and coastal areas. • Many coastal communities will experience damage...with some shoreline and flood prone homes and businesses being destroyed. • Many cars will likely be submerged or washed away. • Several sections of nearshore roads and escape routes will be impassable and a few could be washed out. • Flood waters may extend well inland in low lying areas.

Coastal Flooding – Potential Major Flood Impact Areas

The map below shows the potential extent of flood impact (water above ground) during the Wednesday morning high tides. Flooding may be as deep as 2 to 2 1/2, locally 3 ft in spots.



Impact Catalogs - Use the catalog below for the forecast point closest to your area of concern, and then use the total water level forecasts above to cross reference potential impacts in your area.

- [Freeport](#)
- [East Rockaway](#)
- [Point Lookout](#)

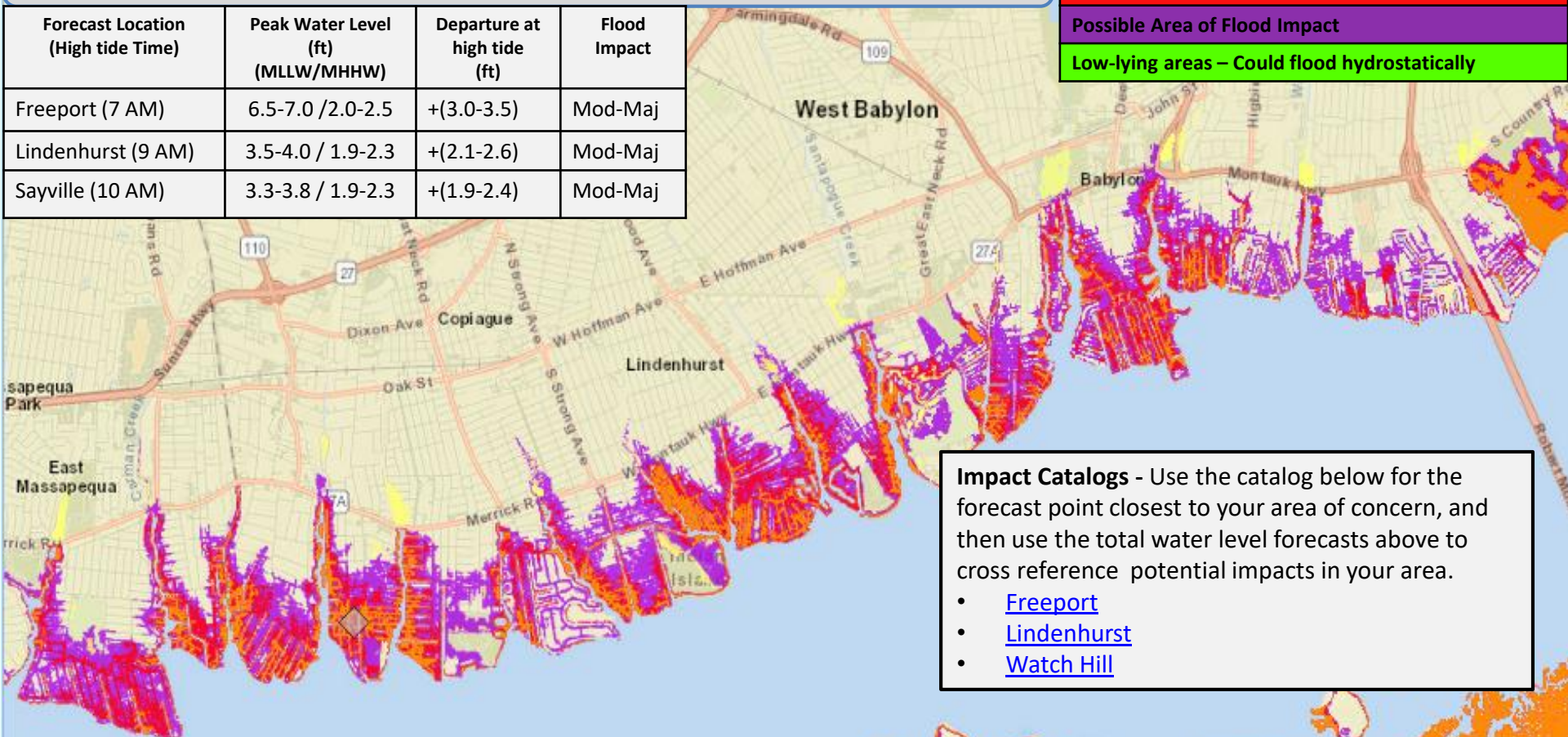
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Lindenhurst (9 AM)	3.5-4.0 / 1.9-2.3	+(2.1-2.6)	Mod-Maj
Sayville (10 AM)	3.3-3.8 / 1.9-2.3	+(1.9-2.4)	Mod-Maj

Map Legend
Expected Areas of Flood Impact
Likely Areas of Flood Impact
Possible Area of Flood Impact
Low-lying areas – Could flood hydrostatically



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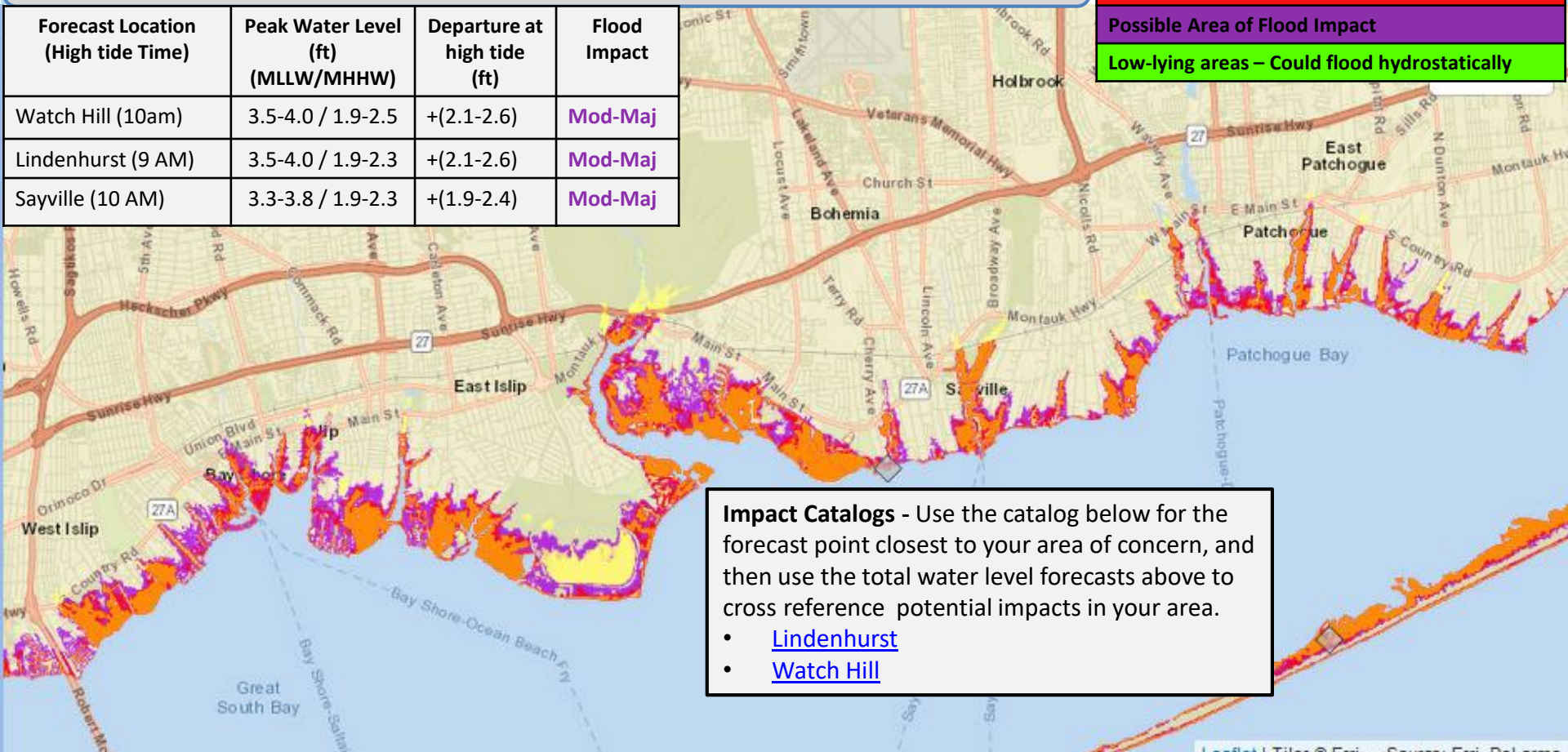
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Event Summary

- ✓ Widespread 2 to 3", locally 4"+, of rain likely Tuesday afternoon through Wednesday morning.
 - ✓ **Moderate to major flooding is expected for several rivers across NE NJ, Lower Hud and SW CT Tuesday into Wednesday.**
 - ✓ Minor to moderate urban, poor drainage flood threat during this time, with isolated to scattered flash flood threat.
- ✓ Southerly winds 30 to 40 mph with gusts 55 to 60 mph likely for the coast late Tuesday into early Wednesday, causing numerous tree impacts and scattered power impacts.
- ✓ Widespread moderate coastal flooding (2 to 2 ½ ft inundation above ground) for vulnerable coastal communities during the Wednesday morning high tide. Isolated major (around 3 ft inundation above ground) is possible along the Great South Bay of LI. Surge flooding possible up tidally affected rivers as well.
- ✓ 15 to 20 ft breaking surf causing widespread dune erosion and scattered overwashes likely for the ocean beachfront.
- ✓ Storm conditions on all waters Tuesday afternoon through Wednesday.

Contact and Next Briefing Information



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